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FOR USE ON PROTECTIVE

HEADGEAR

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Cleveland, OH 44114 September 10, 2001

AMENDMENT C

Assistant Commissioner For Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2001 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants request that the application be reconsidered based upon the following amendments and remarks:

In the Claims:

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Please amend claim 1 to emphasize that the two lateral wall portions which cover the ear zones are part of the external principle shell as follows:

1. (Thrice amended) A protective headgear equipped with an electroacoustic communication device comprising [an acoustic pick-up and a speaker in] a case[,] <u>including</u>:

an acoustic pick-up, and

<u>a speaker,</u>

the headgear further comprising: